



## **Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary April 19, 2017**

**Members Present:** Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Dr. Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, Carl Eggleston, Diana Holzberger, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Sybil Philip, Claudia Simmons, Lynn Sobolov, Greg Stevens, Barbara Warman and Lara Woodruff

**Members Absent:** Michelle Belski, Pamela Dunn, Edward Krauze, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Greg Smith, and Dr. Maybe Williams

**Guests Present:** Ramona Bell-Pearson, Ashlie Bagwell, William Polman and Liz Habermann

**Staff Present:** Erin Stillwell (DHHS) and Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

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Rosalba Bonilla-Costa, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Guest Speaker: Ramona Bell-Pearson**

**Minutes:** Review of meeting minutes from March 15, 2017

**ACTION:** Meeting minutes were approved with no changes; all in favor

**Other Commission Business:**

**Chair/Vice Chair Election:**

**Greg Smith**

**Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta**

**Review and Discussion of CCC's Draft letter to the CC re. CUPF program assessment**

**Vote to suspend sending the letter pending additional**

**ACTION:** all in favor of suspending the letter

CCC Annual Retreat

Change in time from 6:00 to 8:30 (extended ½ hour)

### **CCC Discussion of Universal Pre-K, Claudia Simmons**

- No formal (one) plan is in place at this point in time
- 10 community programs are currently offering Pre-k
- CentoNia is the only program funded by MC
- Handout Proposal (highlights)
  - The qualified vendor need to be located in areas that has children of the specific poverty level can served
  - Center needs to have an MOU with MCPS to showing how they will address specific needs of the children
  - Class size has to be limited to 20 and staff ratio is 1:10 (for 4 year olds); also need to have certified teachers
  - MCPS provides training for teachers
  - Centers and family based options are being considered

***Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.***